GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Indians Trapped/Stranded Abroad
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of several cases wherein hundreds of migrant Indian workers are trapped/ stranded in middle east countries due to extremely poor labour conditions;
(b) if so, the number of cases that came to light during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
(c) whether the Government proposes to raise this matter in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC); and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

(a) & (b): As per information made available to this Ministry by Indian Missions in 14 Middle East Countries, in December 2015, the information with respect to Indian workers trapped/stranded is given at Annexure.
(c) & (d): Government of India has signed MoUs with 6 Gulf Countries, namely UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to provide, inter-alia that the host country will take measures for protection and welfare of the workers in organized sector and the recruitment and terms of employment will be in conformity with the laws of both the Countries.
To ensure implementation of the MoUs, Joint Working Groups have been constituted which meet to find solutions to bilateral labour problems.